

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

VERONICA VALENTINE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	8:16CV131
)	
8 UNKNOWN JANE - JOHN DOE)	ORDER
OMAHA POLICE OFFICERS,)	
LISA VILLWOK, #1764, and)	
JENNIFER HANSEN, #1585,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

VERONICA VALENTINE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	8:16CV174
)	
CITY OF OMAHA, CHIEF OF)	ORDER
OMAHA POLICE SCHMADER,)	
UNKNOWN JOHN JANE DOE)	
POLICE, LISA VILLWOK, #1764,)	
and JENNIFER HANSEN, #1585,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

This matter comes before the court on Plaintiff's motions to appoint counsel (Case No. 8:16CV131, Filing Nos. 35 and 37; Case No. 8:16CV174, Filing Nos. 37 and 39).

Plaintiff is proceeding pro se in this matter. "Indigent civil litigants do not have a constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel." *Davis v. Scott*, 94 F.3d 444, 447 (8th Cir. 1996). Trial courts have "broad discretion to decide whether both the plaintiff and the court will benefit from the appointment of counsel, taking into account the factual

and legal complexity of the case, the presence or absence of conflicting testimony, and the plaintiff's ability to investigate the facts and present his claim." *Id.* Having considered the above factors, the court finds that appointment of counsel is not warranted.

IT IS ORDERED: Plaintiff's motions to appoint counsel (Case No. 8:16CV131, Filing Nos. 35 and 37; Case No. 8:16CV174, Filing Nos. 37 and 39) are denied.

DATED: December 8, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

**s/ F.A. Gossett
United States Magistrate Judge**